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operculum, gen. operculi, pl. opercula (o-per'ku-lum, -li, -la)

1. Anything resembling a <u>lid</u> or cover. 2. <u>[TA] In anatomy</u>, the portions of the <u>frontal</u> (<u>operculum</u> frontale <u>[TA]</u>, <u>frontal operculum</u> <u>[TA]</u>), <u>parietal (operculum</u> parietale <u>[TA]</u>, <u>parietal operculum [TA]</u>), and <u>temporal (operculum temporale [TA]</u>, <u>temporal operculum [TA]</u>) lobes bordering the <u>lateral sulcus</u> and <u>covering the insula</u>. 3. <u>In parasitology</u>, the <u>lid</u> or caplike cover of the <u>shell opening</u> of <u>operculated</u> freshwater snails in the <u>subclass</u> Prosobranchiata, and of the eggs of certain <u>trematode</u> and <u>cestode</u> parasites. 4. The attached <u>flap</u> in the <u>tear</u> of <u>retinal detachment</u>. 5. The <u>mucosal flap</u> partially or completely <u>covering</u> an unerupted <u>tooth</u>. [L. cover or <u>lid</u>, fr. *operio*, 1 pp. *opertus*, 1 to cover]

<u>occipital operculum</u> a portion of the <u>occipital lobe</u> of the <u>brain</u> demarcated by the simian <u>fissure</u> (<u>sulcus</u> lunatus) when <u>present</u> in humans.

trophoblastic operculum the mushroom-shaped plug of fibrin that fills the aperture in the endometrium made by the implanting ovum.

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